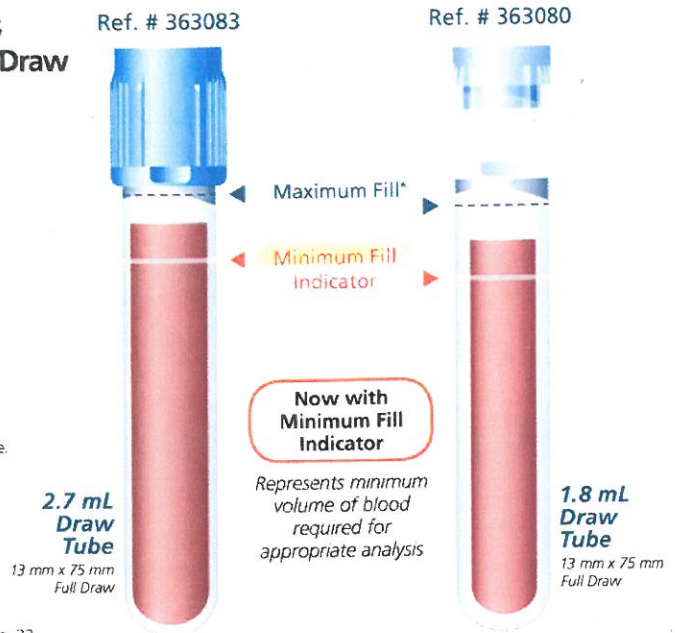


BD Vacutainer® Plus Plastic Citrate Tube Draw Volume Guide

Sufficient volume achieved if blood drawn falls above minimum fill indicator. For blood transfer, **do not** fill above illustrated dashed maximum line.

Note: The quantity of blood drawn into evacuated tubes varies with altitude, ambient temperature, barometric pressure, tube age, venous pressure and filling technique.



*According to CLSI guideline, Dec. 2003, Doc. H1-A5, Vol. 23, No. 33.

Minimizing Preanalytical Variables for Coagulation Tests

- Assemble needle in holder; always fully seat and **hold** a citrate tube on the back end of the needle while filling.
- Allow the tube to fill until the vacuum is exhausted and blood flow ceases.
- Tubes should fill between $\pm 10\%$ of the stated draw volume of the tube (CLSI guideline, Dec. 2003, Doc. H1-A5, Vol. 23, No. 33).
- Minimum fill indicator represents the minimum volume of blood required for appropriate analysis.
- A discard tube (without additives) **must** be used if **only** a citrate tube is to be drawn using a winged blood collection set. It is important to remove the air from the blood collection set to ensure the proper blood volume is obtained in the tube.
- **Do not** fill tubes from other tubes or combine two partially filled citrate tubes.
- If the specimen is drawn with a syringe, do not fill the BD Vacutainer® Citrate Tube beyond the level as illustrated on the reverse side of this guide. Allow the tube to draw the blood from the syringe using a BD Vacutainer® Blood Transfer Device if available. Do not force blood into tube.
- Immediately after draw, **gently** invert tube 3 to 4 times. **Do not shake.**

| Cat# | Size | Draw | Citrate |
|--------|------------|--------|---------------|
| 363083 | 13 x 75 mm | 2.7 mL | 3.2% (0.109M) |
| 363080 | 13 x 75 mm | 1.8 mL | 3.2% (0.109M) |

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